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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 1/14/08 has been received and made of record. As requested, claims 9-15 have been added.
2. Claims 1-15 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. As regards claim 1, "the front free end", "the free back ends", and "the outside free ends" lack proper antecedent basis.
6. Re. claim 2, "the large and the small base", "the small base", "the large base", and "the axis of symmetry of the posterior part" lacks antecedent basis" lacks proper antecedent basis.
7. Re. claim 3, "the outside face" lacks proper antecedent basis.
8. Re. claim 4, "its front end" lacks proper antecedent basis".
9. Re. claim 5, "its free ends", its inside face", its outside face" and "principal lateral parts" lack proper antecedent basis.

10. Re. claim 6, "principal lateral parts" lacks proper antecedent basis.
11. Re. claim 7, "the outside face", and "the inside face" lacks proper antecedent basis.
12. Re. claim 8, only claim 8 provides antecedent basis for "the attachment means". Thus, claim 8 should either depend from claim 5 or be amended such that it can depend from previous claims without 112, 2nd paragraph issues.
13. Re. claim 9, "the large and small base", "the small base", "the large base" and "the axis of symmetry (S) of the posterior part" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

14. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
15. Claims 2-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim M. Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4796. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesday to Friday, from 5:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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